REMARKS

Claim 18 has been amended to reduce the number of claims from which it depends, and thus reduce the filing fee for this application. The filing fee has been calculated based on the after-amended claims. No new matter has been added.

It is believed that no fee is due with this communication, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UTXC:779US.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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